

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A fire-resistant material comprising an elastomeric foam of cross-linked ethylene vinyl acetate (EVA) with a substantially closed cell structure, wherein the foam further comprises at least one crust-forming fire-retardant material and a pH neutralized graphite material, wherein the crust-forming fire-retardant material has been selected from poly ammonium phosphate and/or melamine phosphate, and wherein the crust-forming fire-retardant material is present in such an ~~high~~ amount that a fire-retardant crust is formed on a side of the foam when directly exposed to high temperatures due to the presence of a fire, wherein the fire-retardant crust provides a shield against the effect of the fire.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Previously Presented) A material according to claim 1, wherein the graphite material expands at a temperature higher than 200°C.
4. (Previously Presented) A material according to claim 1, in the form of a plate-shaped or beam-shaped element.
5. (Currently Amended) A system for sealing off, at least during a fire taking place adjacent a wall, in at least one of a virtually entirely flame-tight manner and smoke-tight manner, an opening extending through this wall, through which a transporting device comprising at least one of a cable, duct and pipe has been fed, the system being provided with elements manufactured from a fire-resistant material which expands under the influence of temperature increase, wherein the elements are manufactured from a fire-resistant material comprising an elastomeric foam of cross-linked ethylene vinyl acetate (EVA) with a substantially closed cell structure, wherein the foam further comprises at least one crust-forming fire-retardant material and a pH neutralized graphite material, wherein the crust-forming fire retardant material has been selected from poly ammonium phosphate and/or melamine phosphate, and wherein the crust-forming fire-retardant material is present in such

an high amount that a fire-retardant crust is formed on a side of the foam when directly exposed to high temperatures due to the presence of a fire, wherein the fire-retardant crust provides a shield against the effect of the fire.

6. (Withdrawn) A system which can serve as an at least temporary sealing of a feed-through in a wall such that, after the temporary sealing, at least parts of the system can be removed in a simple manner for the purpose of feeding a transporting device such as a cable, duct or tube through the feed-through, such that during a fire taking place adjacent the wall during the temporary sealing, the feed-through is sealed off at least virtually entirely fire-tightly and preferably also smoke-tightly, the system being provided with elements manufactured from a fire-resistant material which expands under the influence of temperature increase while the elements are manufactured from a fire-resistant material comprising an elastomeric foam of cross-linked ethylene vinyl acetate (EVA) with a substantially closed cell structure in which foam at least one crust-forming fire-retardant material and a pH neutralized graphite material are incorporated, wherein the crust-forming fire retardant material has been selected from poly ammonium phosphate and melamine phosphate.

7. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 5, wherein the system is designed such that the elements can be fixed in a self-clamping manner in the opening or in a casing thereof through mutual contact, contact with an inner wall of the opening or contact with the transporting device.

8. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 5, wherein the system can be substantially fixed within a volume which is bounded by a first outer surface of the wall and a second outer surface of the wall located opposite the first outer surface.

9. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 5, wherein the system is designed such that after the system has been fixed in the opening, parts of the opening which are free from the transporting device are sealed off by the system.

10. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 5, wherein the system is designed such that after fixation in the opening, the system is ready for use.
11. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 5, wherein at least one of the elements is part of a plate-shaped material, which is provided with a line of weakening, the at least one element being detachable by breaking along the line of weakening in the plate-shaped material.
12. (Previously Presented) A system according to claims 5, wherein at least one of the elements is of tube-shaped design.
13. (Previously Presented) A system according to claims 5, wherein at least one of the elements is of plate-shaped design.
14. (Withdrawn) A system according to claim 1, wherein the system is further provided with a lubricant which can be applied to a surface of each of the elements.
15. (Withdrawn) A wall with an opening extending through that wall, through which at least one transporting device such as a cable, duct or pipe has been fed, wherein the opening is provided with a system according to claim 6.
16. (Previously Presented) A wall with a feed-through, wherein the feed-through is at least temporarily sealed off with a system according to claim 5.
17. (Canceled)
18. (Canceled)